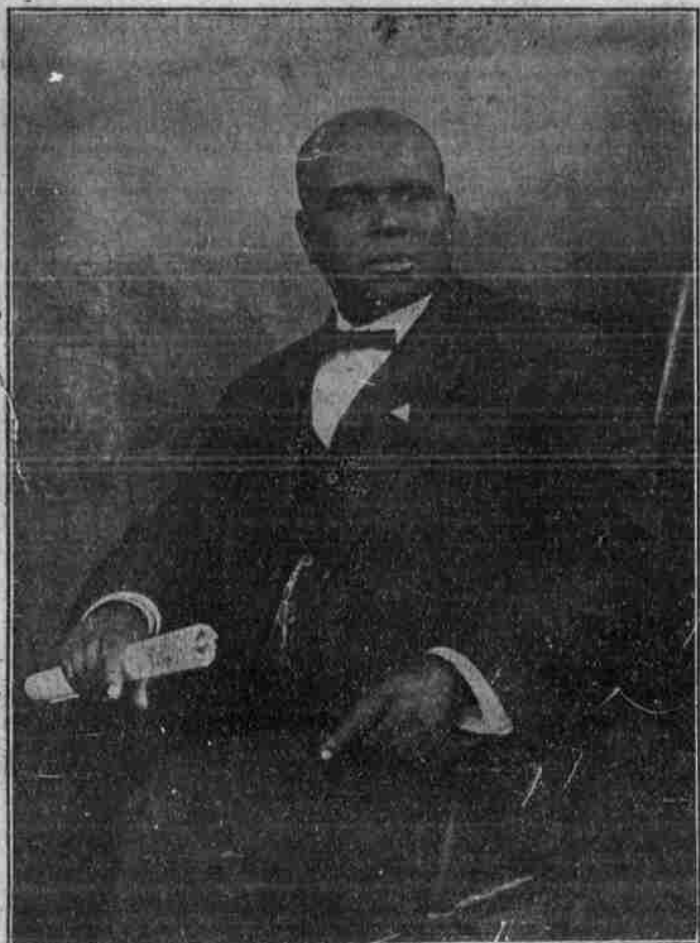


Rev. J. W. Hurse Agreeably Surprised



St. Stephens Honors Its Pastor

Rev. J. W. Hurse Handsomely Remembered by His Congregation at the Close of Service Last Sunday Evening by Being Presented a New Suit, Overcoat, Hat, Shoes, Scarf, Box of Underwear, all Finest Quality

THE LEADING BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE CITY

After the Presentation a Brief Address was Made by Grand Master of Masons N. C. Crews, Eloquent-ly Responded to by the Beloved Pastor

St. Stephen's Baptist Church gave a splendid exhibition of its appreciation of its aggressive and tireless pastor, Rev. J. W. Hurse, by presenting him with an elegant suit of clothes, a fine chinchilla overcoat and other wearing apparel at a total cost of \$110 at the close of services Sunday evening, January 4th. A representative of the Sun was present and was highly pleased both at the spirited singing of the excellent choir and the gospel preaching of the pastor, who has the power to sway a multitude by his force and magnetism, and who delivered a splendid discourse from the story of Joseph and his brethren in Egypt. After the collection had been taken and the announcements had been made Deacon Lyons called the pastor's attention to the fact that the congregation be requested to remain until a small present could be presented to the pastor. And in a few moments the house was in an uproar as present after present was presented by the different organizations of the church to their splendid leader. First came the choir which through Sister Mary Clark presented a fine five dollar Stetson hat and an elegant two dollar neck scarf with the compliments and best wishes of the choir. Then came Sister Murphy, who on behalf of the ladies of the church, presented the pastor an elegant black do skin suit made by a Negro tailor, Richard Lowe—at a cost of forty-five dollars—and as the applause grew louder Deacon Walker started up with the large audience until the very rafters rang with melody. Then the Deacon Board came upon the rostrum and with Brother Lyons as their spokesman presented the pastor an elegant pair of \$7 black shoes and a beautiful blue chinchilla overcoat costing \$45. The applause at this period was deafening and at its conclusion Sister Dora Williams made her way to the platform and on behalf of the Williams & Walker Concert Club of the church presented the pastor a neatly tied box containing two elegant \$5 suits of underwear. By this time the pastor was in tears and so was half the congregation, and in a broken voice he called on his old friend and associate, Nelson C. Crews, to come forward and make a few remarks in his behalf, and in a few brief but forceful remarks Mr. Crews spoke of the beautiful example of loyalty and harmony exhibited by the congregation and said he only regretted that he was not the pastor of St. Stephen's Baptist Church, at least Sunday night, because he needed equally as much as the pastor man for the beautiful things presented. Mr. Crews' remarks were well received by the vast audience and he was given a round of applause at the close, after which the pastor told

them that it would be necessary for him to wait until some other time to be able to express his heartfelt appreciation of their generous kindness. Our representative was unable to obtain the list of all those who contributed to the purchase of the various articles, but the following persons contributed to the Deacon Board for the purchase of the articles which they presented: One dollar each, J. H. Lyons, Chas. Collins, Chester Sims, Austin Lay, Evanston Alfred, Dr. G. W. Brown, W. Saunders, Robt. Canterbury, W. S. Agy, J. W. Jenkins, Geo. Moore, Robt. Hamilton, E. L. Tillson, Chas. Porter and H. B. Moore; seventy-five cents, W. H. Briscoe; fifty cents each, Lewis Nickens, Dan Herndon, Helen Wilson and Levie Pearce; twenty-five cents each, F. Steptoe, Lulu Smith, Joe Walker, Agnes Walker, Fannie Stanley, Tallia Brown, Bettie Lewis, Caroline Johnson, Birdie Martin, Sallie Preston, Lizzie Patterson, Lizzie Frakes, Nannie Bunner, Jessie Reed, Mary King, Josie Walker and Winnie Blackburn. It was a great night in St. Stephen's Baptist Church, which now claims, and justly so, to be the largest Baptist church in point of attendance, in this city. The Sun congratulates St. Stephen's Baptist Church upon having such a noted and fearless pastor as Dr. Hurse and also congratulates Dr. Hurse upon having such a loyal and appreciative congregation as all each Sunday St. Stephen's auditorium. Just before the evening service began a great surprise was sprung on the congregation by the entrance of a bridal party elegantly attired and as they marched down the aisle to the strains of the organ they presented a very pretty picture. They were Mr. Levi Pierce, who was married to Mrs. Emma Brannon. A few hours before another brilliant ceremony was performed in the church in which the bridal party rode up in a large touring car, the ladies handsomely attired and the gentlemen in full dress, and the contracting parties in this marriage were Thomas J. Saunders and Mrs. Geneva Turner. Dr. Hurse is rapidly gaining the title of the "Marrying Parson."

Mr. James H. Crews, the veteran mail carrier and for thirty years one of the most faithful officers of Allen Chapel, has been confined to his bed by illness throughout the week. Jas. H. Crews is one of the best men in the world (and the Editor makes no apology for this statement, although he is his brother), and to know him is to love him. The Sun and his myriad friends wish for him speedy recovery.

Among the other horrors of war, are some of the songs written about it.

Women's Club Notes

The 500 Club will meet with Mrs. J. L. Ewing, 213 Greeley avenue, Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 16. Favors were won by Mrs. O. B. Johnson and Mrs. J. J. Lewis.

The reception given at the Overall Studio, December 30, 1913, by the Unique Pleasure Club, consisting of twelve of Kansas City's popular young ladies, was one among the sweetest affairs of the season.

The Phillis Wheatley Art Club extended New Year's greetings to their many friends at the residence of Mrs. G. G. Mason, 2419 East 21st street, New Year's day. The house was beautifully decorated and the color scheme was carried out in pink and white carnations. About 400 guests called during the afternoon and evening.

The Ladies' Coterie met with Mrs. G. W. Boyd. When the lesson hours were over the visitors, Revs. L. H. Mills, J. W. Harris and G. W. Boyd, were introduced. Each gave very interesting and instructive remarks. The hostess served the club with dainty refreshments. Next week the club will meet with Mrs. Dotson, 1705 East Twelfth street.

One of the most beautiful receptions given during the holidays was held at the Overall Studio by the ladies of the Progressive Study Club. The rooms were beautifully decorated with the club's colors and quite a number of visitors were present. The committee deserves much praise for their delicious serving. Progress Study Club is composed of some of the most cultured women of both Kansas Cities. It's no wonder that their reception was perfectly eclat.

The Oak Leaf Art Club celebrated its fifth anniversary at the Overall Studio, 2116 Woodland avenue, New Year's Day. The studio was artistically decorated with the Club's colors, brown, red, yellow and green. Ice cream was served from the dining table which was covered with a Mexican drawn work cloth and cut flowers while the house was profusely decorated with palms. All the guests left expressing themselves as having spent a delightful evening.

To the Editor of the Kansas City Sun:—
As the Star has a column called "Speaking the Public Mind" through which all individuals, whatever their station in life, may have expression to their thoughts, we felt that we would be permitted through the columns of our own representative paper, the Kansas City Sun, to give expression to those things that affect our race and Church life. Some years ago the minister of one of our leading Baptist churches became incensed because an old sister testified in Covenant in her own peculiar way and she was turned out of the church and even after she acknowledged her wrong she was refused admission to come back. Since that time many members have become dissatisfied and refuse to attend that church—the church of their heart—and last week at a business meeting with only about twenty-five persons present, the Church Discipline was virtually thrown away and the pastor virtually made himself king. Since then everywhere you go, you see little groups earnestly discussing conditions and sarcastically asking the question, "When are they going to anoint the king?"
Hoping you will kindly publish this, we remain,
Yours in the Baptist Faith,
UNCLE DAN.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

We wish to announce that the members and friends of the Association will be addressed by Prof. J. E. Singam of New York City at Allen Chapel, corner Tenth and Charlotte, Thursday evening, January 15, at 8:30 o'clock. Prof. Singam was formerly professor of Comparative Literature at Columbia University. He is a scholar and an author of rare attainments and a staunch advocate of just and liberal opportunities to all peoples. He will speak upon the subject, "The New Abolitionism." No admission will be charged.

LID OFF THE TANGO.
Prof. J. C. Hobbs announces that on every Thursday night at the Lyric Hall, 1731 Lydia avenue, that the following dances will be introduced: Tango, hesitation waltz, flirtation schottische, hesitation schottische and a variety of other dances since the Board of Public Welfare lifted the lid on dances.

Editor Kansas City Sun:—

As there has been but one "Tango Tea" given here by colored, and that an afternoon affair, we the members of Clio Art Club who sent out cards in the form of same, deem it necessary and fitting to openly declare ourselves against the unjust and cruel criticism made in the columns of your paper by one of our distinguished (?) guests. If there was a vulgar exhibition upon the part of any of the dancers, we were not responsible and any criticism that might be made against the "Tango" as danced on that day is infamous and low. Any person who would attend an affair given to friends and then turn to be a Judas (as has been displayed by the writer), is an infamously not worthy of the smallest person's attention. The one-step, which our eloquent and distinguished (?) doctor says is but a revival of what the tougher element call the "Dog Walk" we in our sphere of life know nothing about, as we do not mix freely enough with the element aforesaid mentioned and are truly surprised to know that this, His Royal Highness, would understand and know about a "Dog Walk." However, it wasn't danced on this particular afternoon. As for our mothers, wives and sisters so beautifully spoken of by our dear doctor, none were urged to attend and the invitation could have been rejected as well as accepted. The Tango, as led and danced by Prof. Hobbs and Mrs. Stewart on that afternoon is the most simplified one in use for dance hall purposes. It was brought to us by Prof. Hobbs directly from Prof. DeHoney, dancing master at the new \$100,000 dance hall at 15th and Paseo. If these dances shock us so very much an excellent thing for our would-be-pious young doctor, wife, sisters and mother would be to stay away from such functions for then his pride and modesty would not be so mortally wounded.

Yours for publication.

Clio Art Club.

A DELIGHTFUL DINNER

Misses Bernice Casey of St. Louis, Elizabeth Jones of Topeka, Catharine Barker of Topeka and Orah Carter of Lawrence were the guests of Miss Ruth Bradley during the holidays. They attended many social affairs during the holidays, one affair in particular was the unique dinner given by Messrs. Teeters, Goodwin and Lowe at the Delmonico Cafe. The table was decorated with pink and white caranations and everything from con- some to ice cream and cake was theirs to be enjoyed. The service and taste of this affair were grand. The gentlemen may be assured that the guests of honor as well as their hostess appreciated the same.

BIRTHDAY WATCH PARTY

The birthday reception tendered Mr. A. W. Harris, the well known printer, by Mrs. Sallie C. Rogers at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. J. Silas Harris, 1611 Forest avenue, on New Year's eve was one of the most enjoyable as well as distinguished affairs ever given in this city. The menu would have tempted the palate of an epicurean and there was everything served that the heart could wish. Short addresses of felicitation and appreciation were delivered by a number of the gentlemen in attendance and Mr. Harris was the recipient of several handsome tokens of appreciation as well as numerous letters and telegrams from friends throughout the country. Mrs. Rogers received many compliments for the elegance and success of this most enjoyable affair. The invited guests and those present were as follows:

Mr. Breton Andrews, Mr. T. C. Green, Prof. J. D. Bowser, Capt. Leon Jordan, Atty. H. C. Calloway, Mr. Wm. Houston, Mr. T. C. Chapman, Prof. T. R. Reynolds, Dr. C. C. Cushman, Dr. Theo. Smith, Mr. Wm. Godwin, Mr. Geo. W. Teeters, Prof. J. E. Herri, Mr. John Fairley, Dr. T. McCampbell, Dr. J. E. Perry, Dr. G. A. Page, Mr. Robt. Bennett, Mr. John Rame, Mr. C. H. Countess, Dr. J. E. Dibble, Mr. Wm. F. Fairfax, Prof. G. N. Grisham, Mr. Tim Cooper, Atty. L. A. Knox, Prof. Jeff. King, Prof. F. J. Work, Judge L. F. Bradley, Mr. F. H. Payne, Mr. J. C. Branch, Dr. J. F. Shannon, Hon. Nelson C. Crews, Mr. Augustus Mor-street, Prof. J. M. Marquis, Atty. W. C. Hueson, Dr. H. M. Smith, Dr. Edw. Ramsey, Dr. Martin Brockton, Dr. R. B. Behears of St. Joseph, Mo.; Dr. C. Queen, Hannibal, Mo.; M. J. Henfro, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. M. J. Harris, Sedalia, Mo.; Prof. C. C. Hubbard, Sedalia, Mo.; Mr. W. D. Cooper, Topeka, Kan.; Wm. F. Douglas, St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. Charles Phelps, St. Joseph, Mo.; Editor Nick Phelps, Topeka, Kan.; Mr. Homer Phillips, St. Louis, Mo.; Prof. Gus Thornton, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Oscar Findley, St. Louis, Mo.; Charles Covington, Louisiana; Mr. E. R. Kittrell, Joplin, Mo.; Editor Wm. E. King, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. R. A. McLemore, Fort Scott, Kan.; Mr. John Brown, St. Louis, Mo.

ADVERTISE YOUR SOCIETY.

We would like to see every lodge and society in Kansas City put their cards in The Sun. It is the most popular way to let the world know who you are, when and where you meet and your object and purpose. For the next month we will make special announcements to have you put in your lodge or society list of officers in this paper.

Possibilities of the Race to Be Demonstrated in the Next Twelve Months

A BANNER YEAR HOPED FOR BOTH NATIONALLY AND LOCALLY

The Negro Business League and Other Great Movements are to Expand Their Influence

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING TO BE COMPLETED

By C. A. Starks.
Speaking of the possibilities of the race in the next twelve months must bring a natural optimism to bear in the outlook. True enough there have been things calculated to dishearten the race in the past year, nevertheless we have not been without certain signs of advancement and progress. These things warrant us in taking an encouraging view of the present year. We have every right to hope that developments will show an increase in

past. Many events have transpired in the last seven months to convince us that we can substantially organize large businesses and enterprises and maintain a high efficiency in their promotion. We also have learned that we can enlist the sympathy of our fairer brother who is not altogether against us. With this knowledge in mind and conscious of a new power we believe we are at the threshold of a banner year for our people.

THE BUSINESS LEAGUE.

Last year the National Business League held their convention in Philadelphia, Pa., under the happiest auspices. The reports were nation wide and reflected accurately as possible the conditions of our citizens in each state. Records show that each community spoke in "terms of prosperity" to a very large degree. What is most important at this time is that this great organization is to hold its next meeting in the Southwest, the real land of milk and honey. This could not be improved upon at all and we dare say that Muscogee, Okla., will in no wise fall below the standard of that set by the hospitable Quaker City. This movement is giving the Southwest an excellent opportunity to show what metal she is made of. It is hard to say at this time just how much tone and dignity the affair will bring. However, Kansas Citizens mean to play a fine role when the curtain raises.

Y. M. C. A. Building Complete?

Here in our city we have an array of achievements which will keep us busy in meeting the demands. Chief among these is the completion of the Y. M. C. A. building, which means so much to the colored citizens of this city. In this effort there is possibility for tremendous good, out of which we expect to raise the economic as well as moral tone of our younger citizen. The Sun has played no small part in these local affairs and since the outlook is fair it is hopeful that it will be able in the future to not only lead in movements about the city but take a fairly conspicuous place in events of national importance.

BANNER YEAR.

Indications are that 1914 will excel the past year in achievement just as it should do. So if we lose in some things we are bound to win in others. Let us profit by the mistakes of the past and guard against the fall-

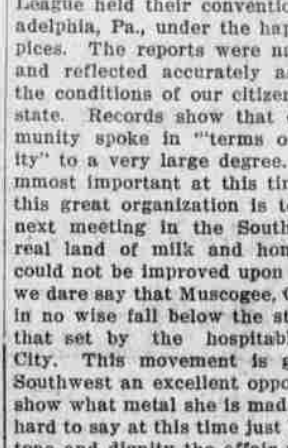
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29, 1913.
The annual meeting of the Phillis Wheatley Hospital Association will be held Wednesday evening, January 14, 1914, at the Vine Street Baptist Church, 1825 Vine street. Besides the election of six directors and other officers several amendments to the constitution will be voted upon. All persons who have paid a membership fee of two dollars or a cash contribution equal to a membership fee will be entitled to vote.
T. H. Ewing, Pres.
J. DALLAS BOWSER, Secy.

The members of the Odd Fellow

and Ruth Choir gave a surprise last Monday evening on Mrs. Rebecca Moore at her residence, 2523 Michigan avenue, which was very much appreciated by her husband and an honor to the choir. Visitors present were: Mrs. Lulu Arnold of Denison, Tex.; Mr. Geo. Trower, Mr. Phil Taylor. The table was profusely decorated with cut flowers furnished by the Weaver Floral Co., and dainty refreshments were served by the choir. The members present were: Mrs. Ida M. Birch, Mrs. George Trower, Mrs. Geo. Gooch, Mrs. Phil Taylor, Mrs. B. Harmon, Mrs. A. Holmes, Mr. Baker, Mr. Dugger, Mr. Gooch.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Weaver, 2635 Euclid avenue, entertained at dinner last Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson.



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